

Step 5. Flood Module

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- Accounts for a reduction in flood damage costs
- Requires at least 3 sets of data

Average Daily	Return Period	Flood Related
Streamflow (cfs)	(years)	Damages (\$)

- Calculates: Annualized Loss = 1/Return Period × Flood Damage Costs
- Compares daily flow to flood flow range and if
 - < smallest flood flow = \$0

smallest to largest flood flow = linearly interpolate for damages

> largest flow = constant at largest flood damage



Flood Module, cont

Limitations

- Input requires DAILY flow not peak flow
 - United States Geological Service (USGS) PeakFQ and state-level regression equations provide peak flows
 - USGS streamflow gages provide average daily flows
- Flood flow must occur during modeled time period
 - Check streamflow without flood module
 - Check precipitation record to identify wet years to model
- Multiple, consecutive flood flows → may overestimate avoided damages

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Overview

- To create a damage curve
 - Create a flood depth grid
 - Using Arc GIS and FEMA data
 - Using Valley Floor Mapper software
 - Using default data
 - Create a site specific building inventory
 - Using user supplied data
 - Use HAZUS to determine flood damage levels
 - Using user defined flood grid
 - Using default parameters

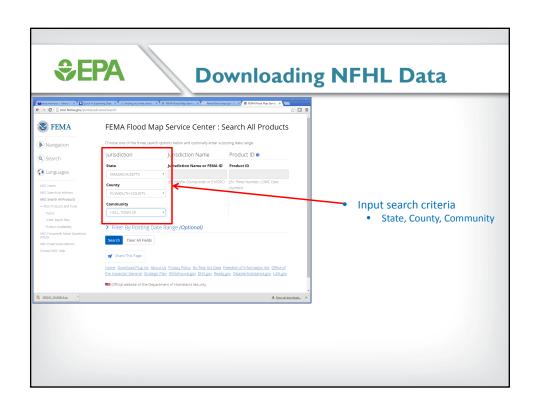


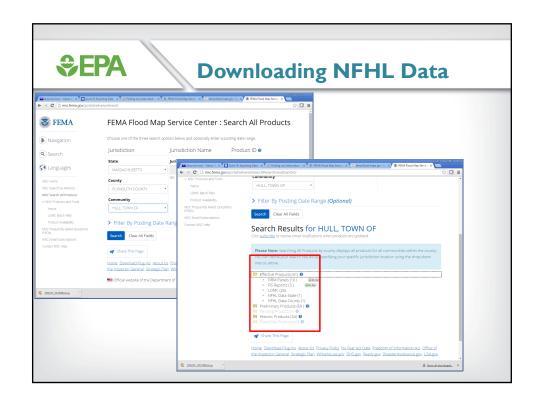
Developing the Flood Depth Grid

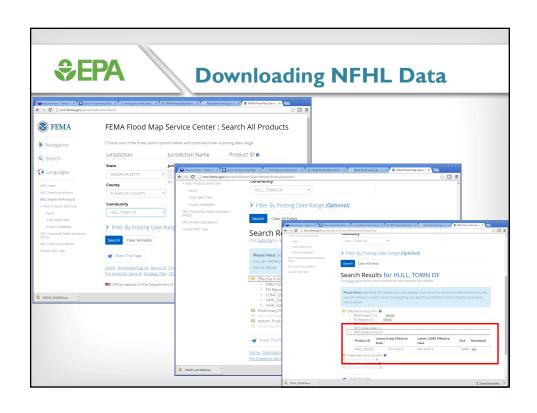


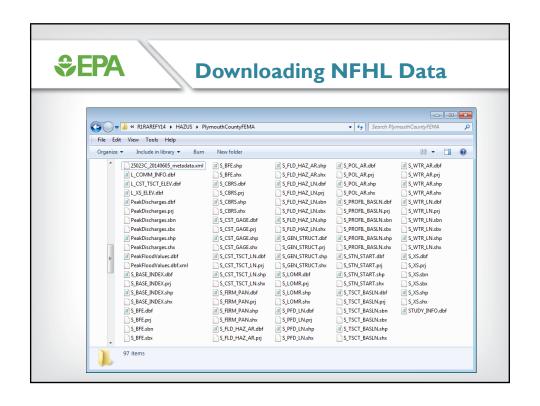
Flood Grid Mapping

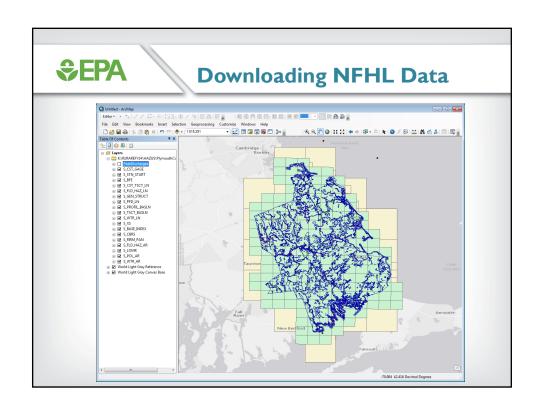
- Data Needed for Flood Mapping
 - FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) data
 - Data can be downloaded for the entire state (where available) or by county. (https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch)
 - HAZUS download (http://msc.fema.gov/portal/resources/hazus)
 - Elevation data-
 - National Elevation Data (NED) can be obtained at the National Elevation Dataset from the National Map. (http://viewer.nationalmap.gov/viewer/)
 - LiDar data can be found and downloaded from NOAA Digital Coast website (http://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/coastallidar) or from state specific GIS websites where available.

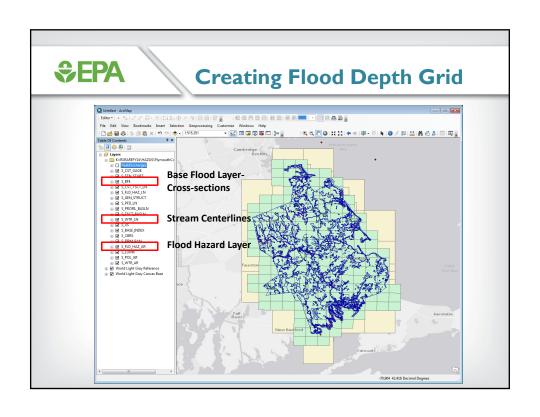


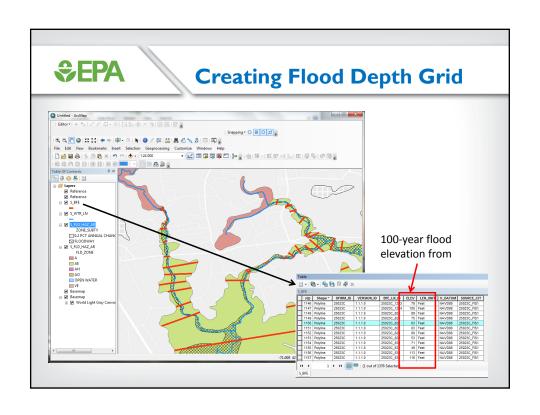


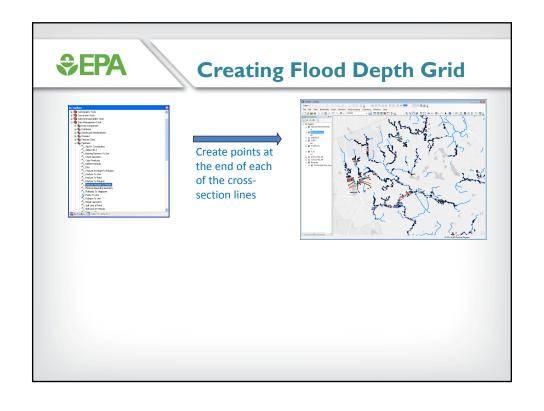


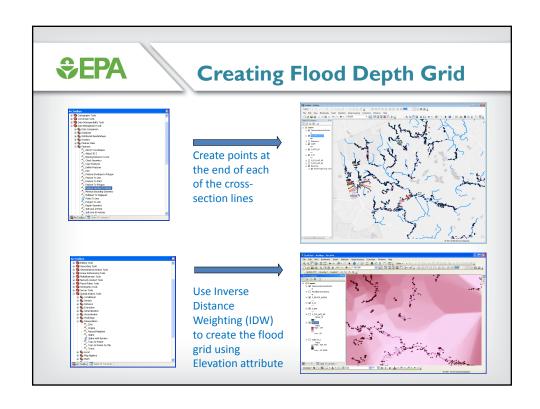


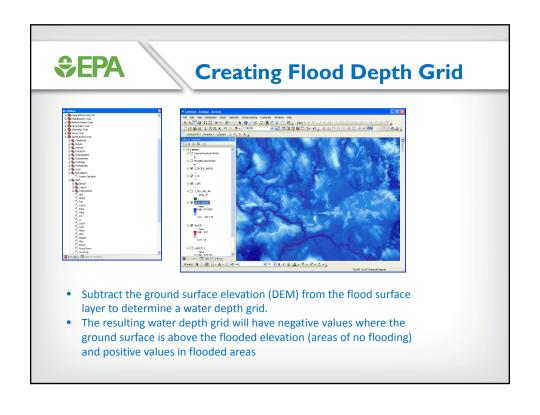


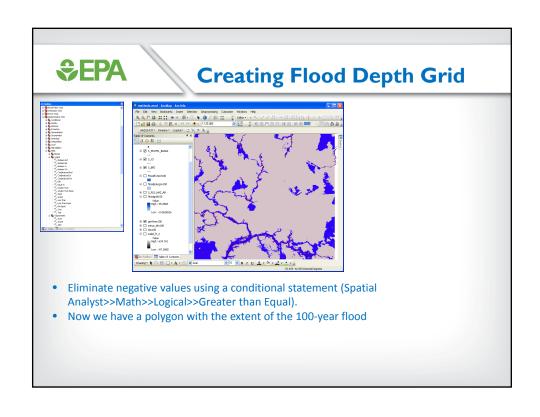


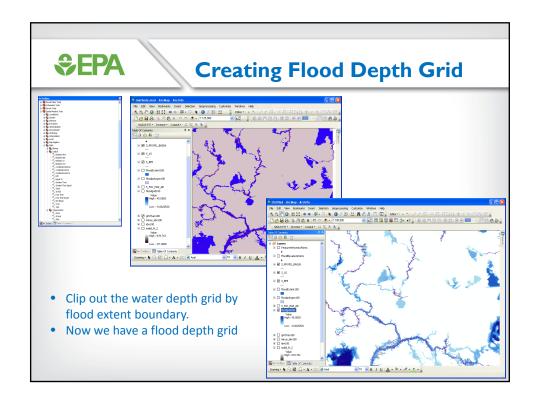














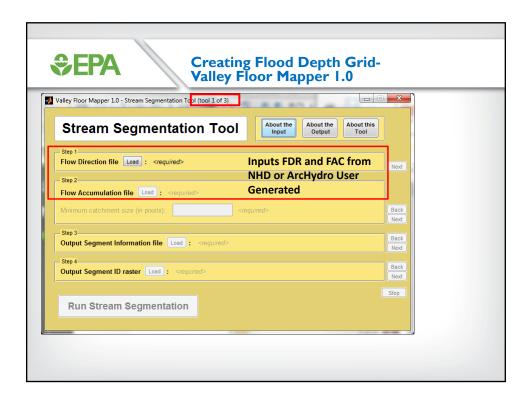
Creating Flood Depth Grid-Valley Floor Mapper 1.0

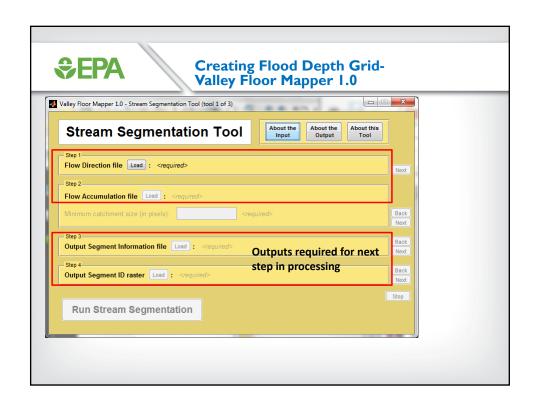
Valley Floor Mapper

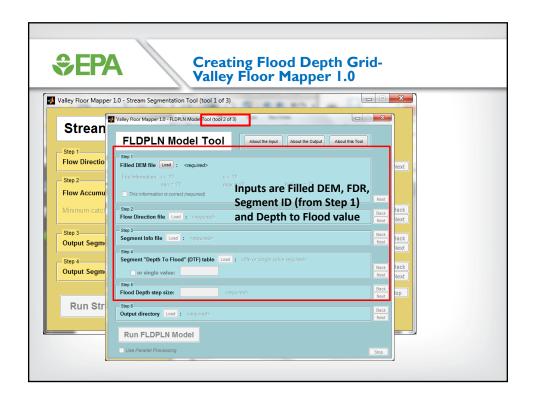
- Developed by MACRO (Macroecogical Riverine Synthesis) and part of the RESonate Tool
- Automated GIS-based process designed for ArcGIS that enables the processing of GIS data sources using freely available geospatial datasets. (http://www.macrorivers.org/resonate-model/)

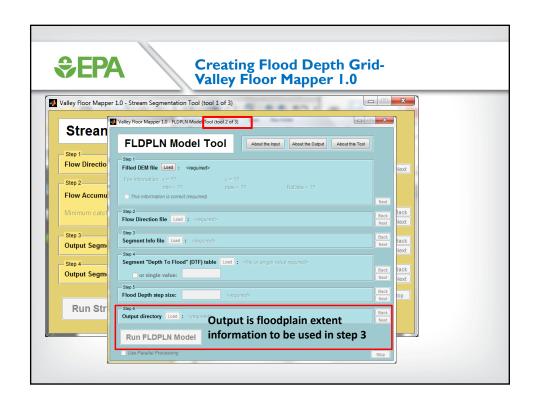
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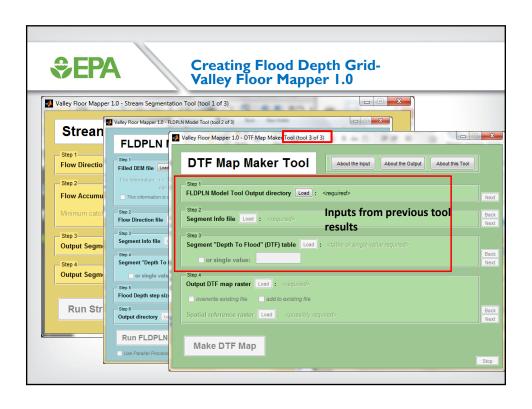
- Flow direction grid (FDR) and Flow Accumulation Grid (FAC) available nationwide from NHDPlus (http://www.horizon-systems.com/nhdplus/NHDplusV2_data.php)
- Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
- Depth to Flood
 - User can specify constant value or input table of flood depths per stream segment

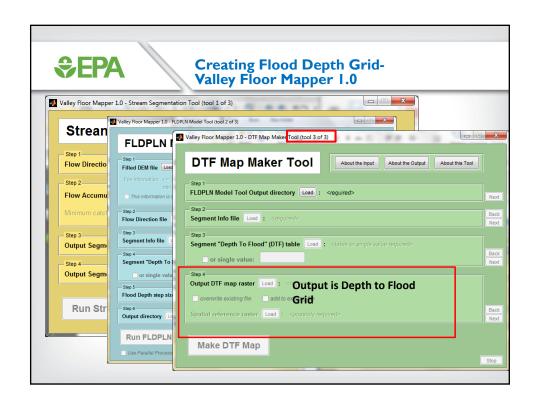


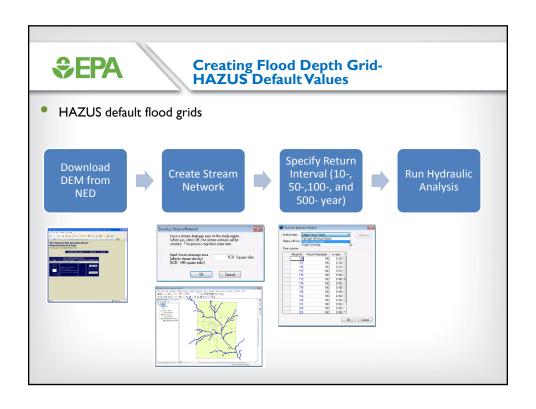






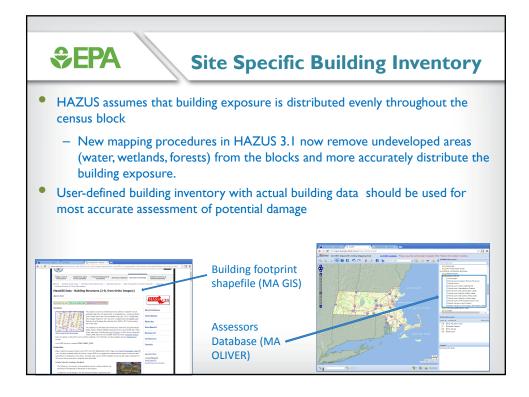


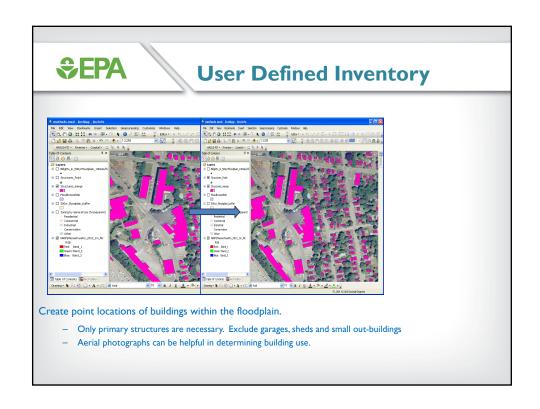


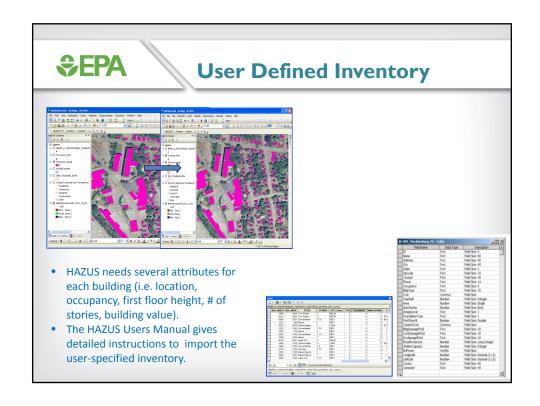


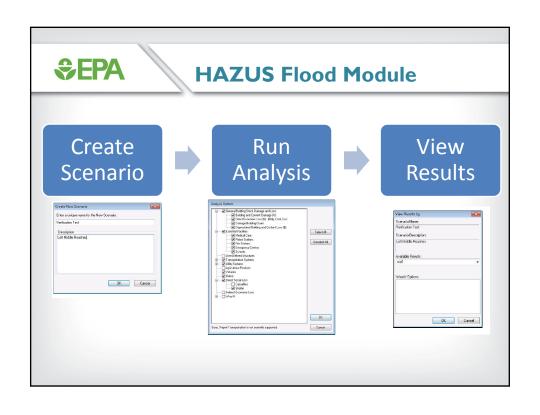


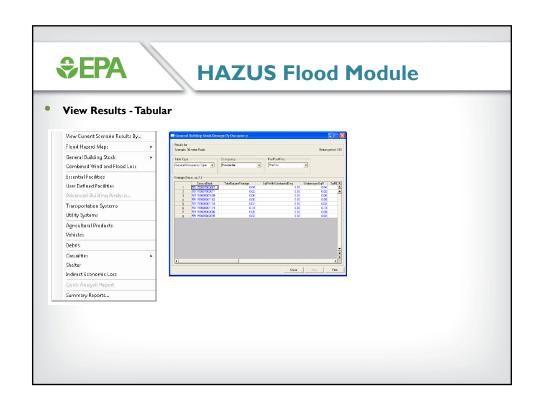
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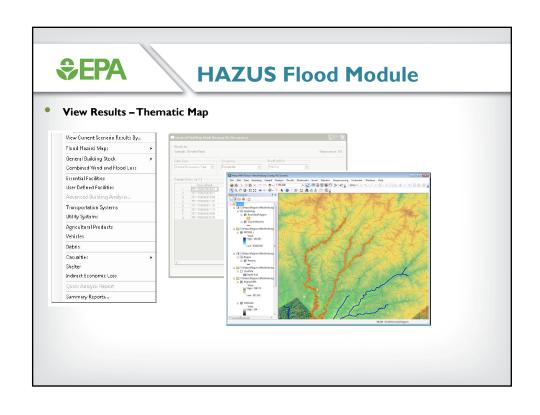


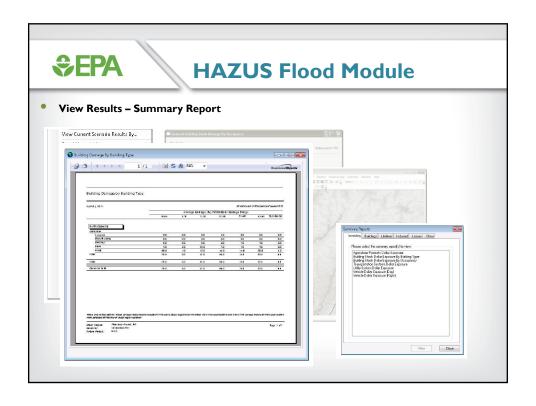


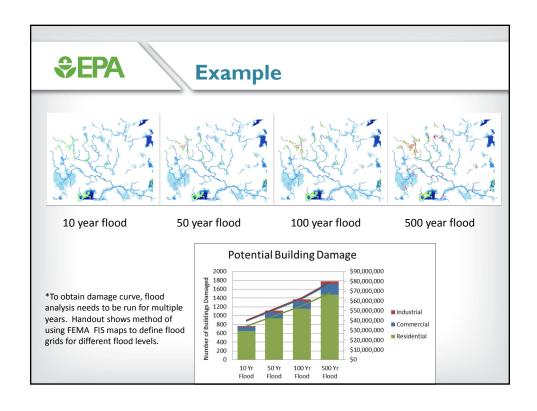


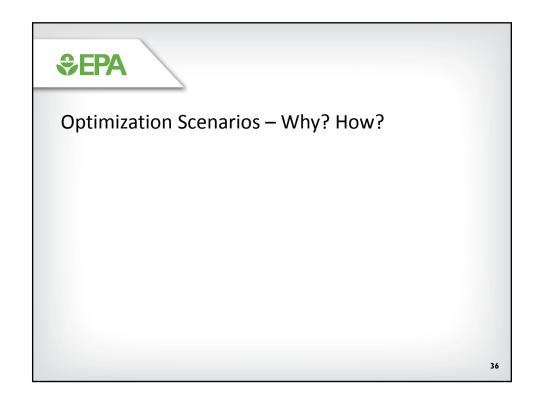


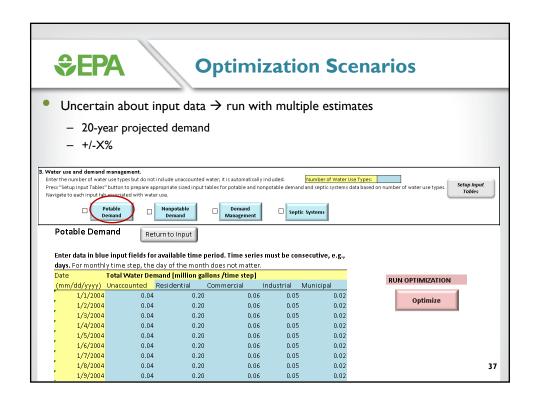


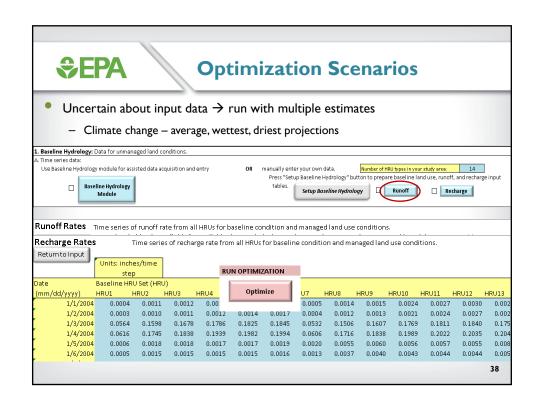


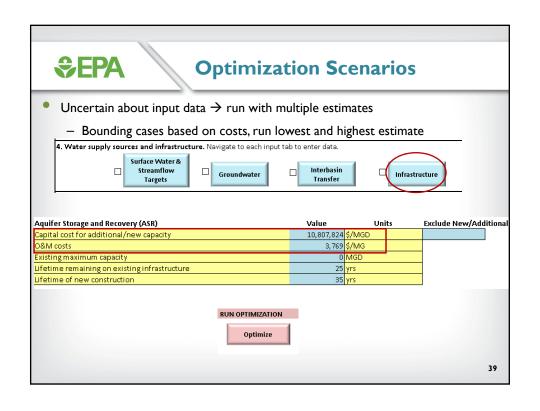


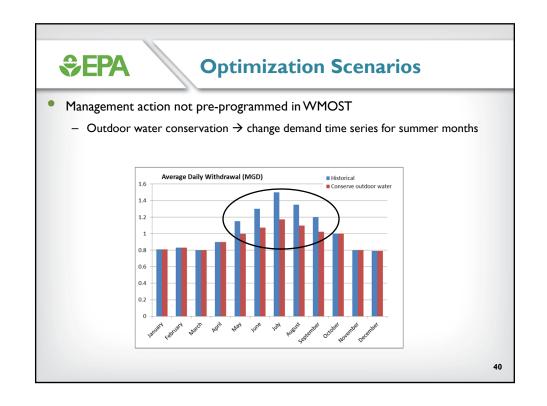


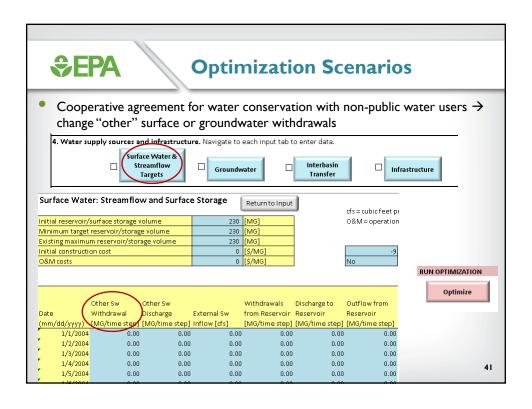


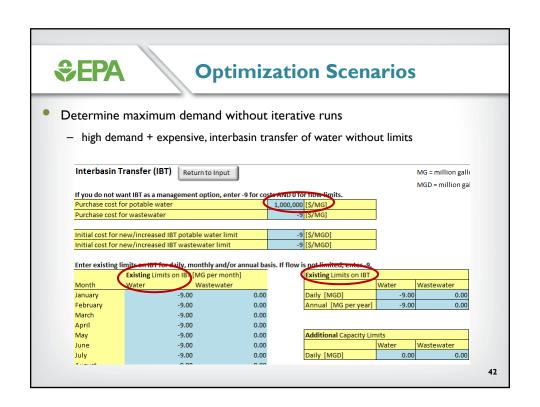


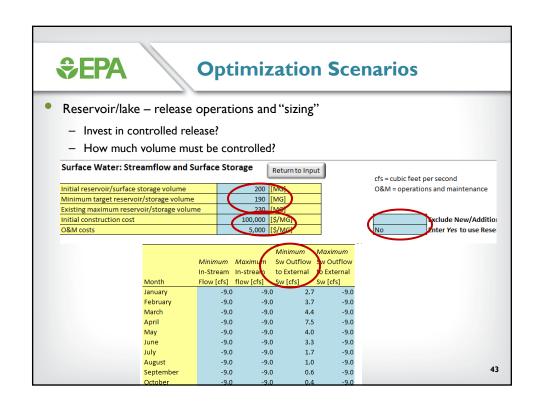


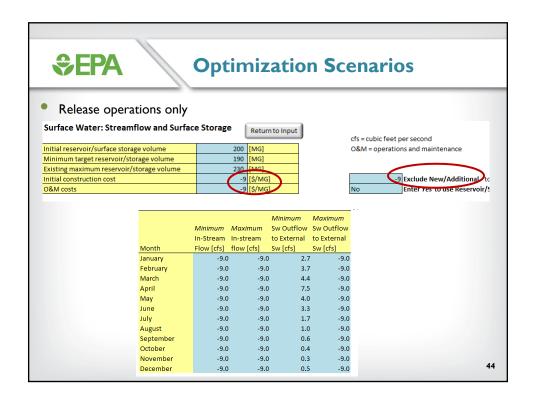


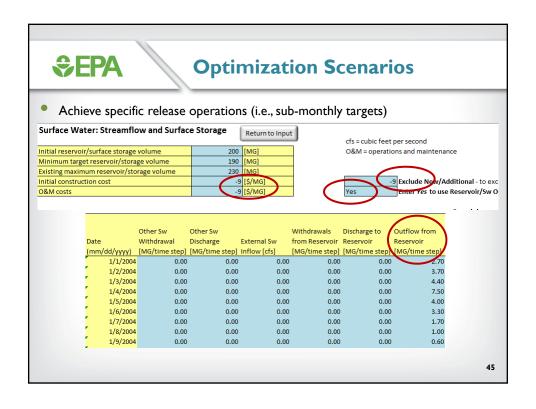


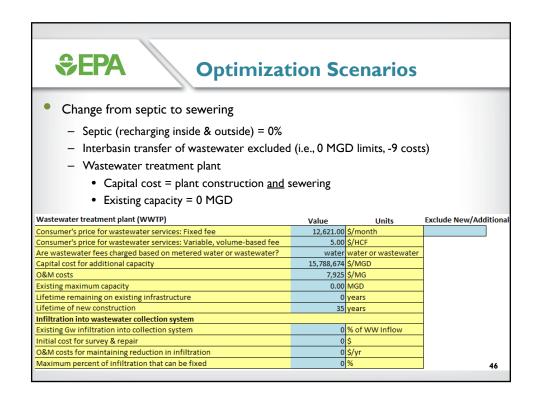














Optimization Scenarios

- Important to know the sensitivity of results to input data and assumptions
- Actions most often part of the solution =
 - Most likely to be cost-effective actions



Do NOT perform optimization and take the results as a prescription



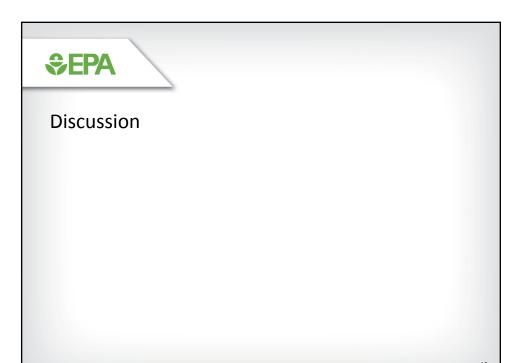
>WMOST is most appropriate for narrowing the decisions to those actions that are most likely to be cost-effective for meeting goals

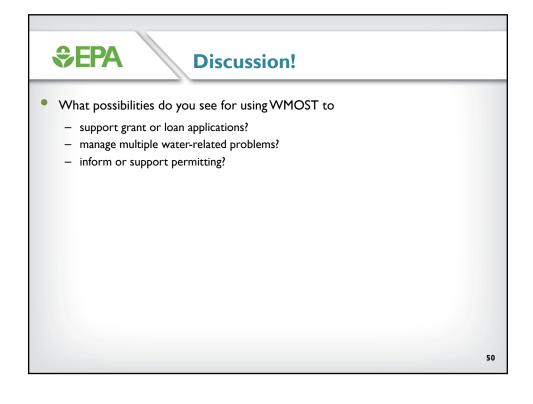
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Optimization Scenarios

Are there management options not readily available in WMOST that you would like to evaluate?







Examples of IWRM

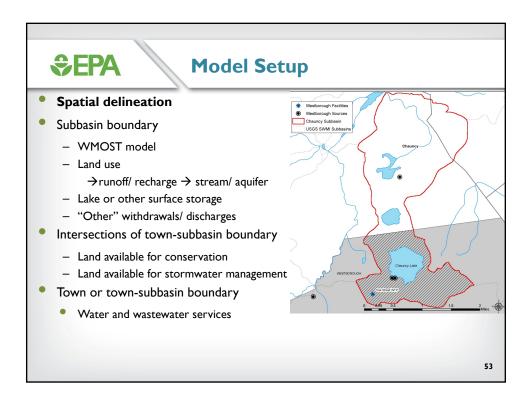
- Massachusetts
 - Water Management Act, 2014
 - Gallon for gallon credit for stormwater recharge
- Great Bay, NH
 - Cost-savings in cooperative nitrogen reductions
- State of California
 - Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act, 2002
- EPA
 - Integrated permitting for wastewater and stormwater, 2011
 - Kansas City, KS; Seattle and King County, WA; and Cincinnati, OH
- American Water Resources Association
 - Case Studies in Integrated Water Resources Management: From Local Stewardship to National Vision
 - 2 state-level (OR, CA); 3regional; 2scientifically complex

WMA 2014, UNH 2016, CA 2002, EPA 2011, AWRA 2012

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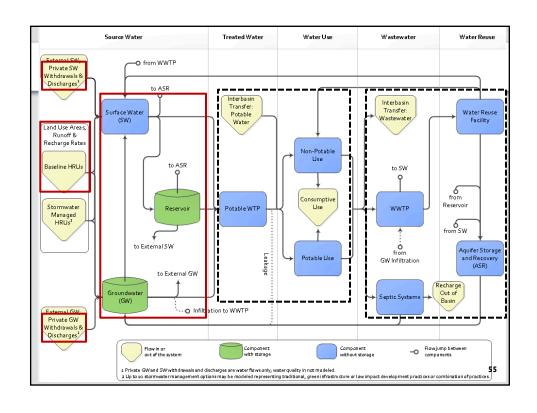
Considerations for Model Setup – Reconciling real world conditions with modeling options

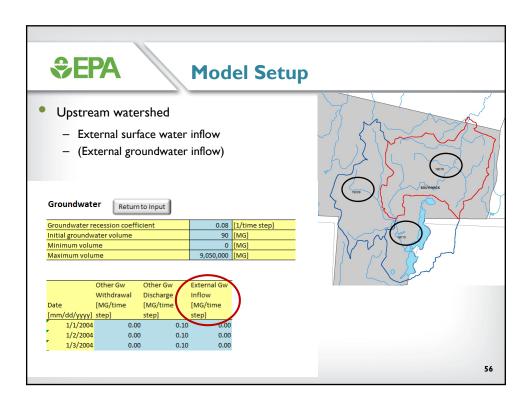




Model Setup

- Demand / Water services
 - Subbasin "demand"
 - Specific fraction of total demand
 - Based on historic, projected or desired pumping from subbasin
 - Total town demand
 - Add interbasin transfer capacity = capacity of wells in other subbasins
- Wastewater
 - Septic, wastewater treatment plant and/or interbasin transfer
 - Must be for the users represented by specified demand

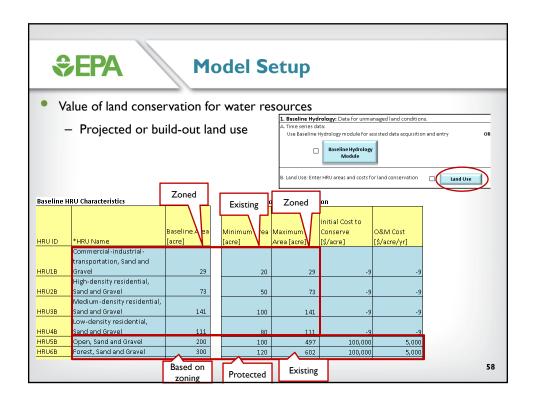


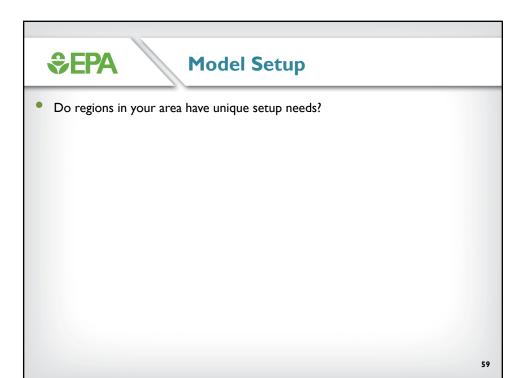


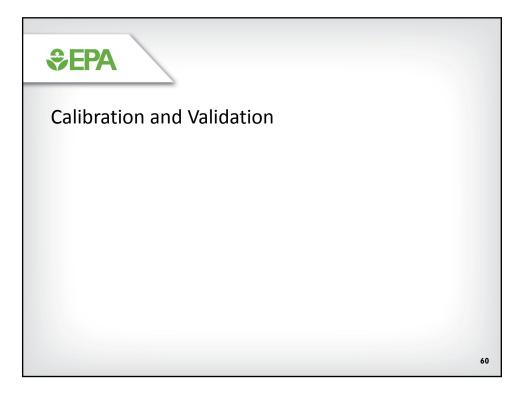


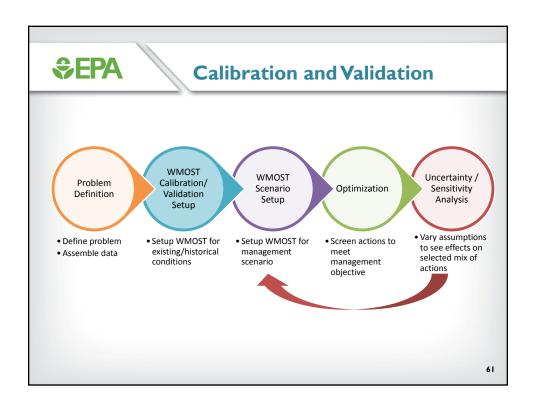
Model Setup

- More on surface waters
 - Water land use or reservoir/ surface storage
 - Subtract from "water land use" the area that is modeled as reservoir/ surface storage
 - Wetlands should be represented as land use











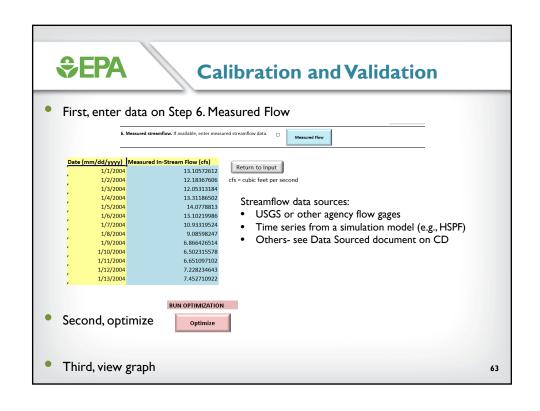
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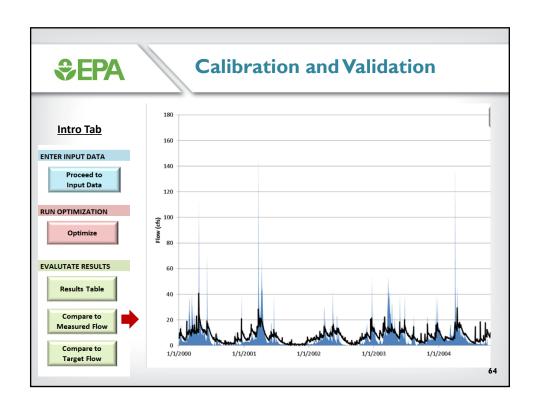
Calibration

- Setup model for known conditions (for a portion of the measured flow record)
- No management actions
- No target streamflows or outflows
- Adjust inputs and parameters as needed for good fit

Validation

- Run model for known conditions (for another portion of the measured flow recrod)
- No management actions
- No target streamflows or outflows
- No further adjustments







Evaluating "Goodness of Fit"

- Focus of management (Harmel et al 2014)
 - Low flow
 - High flow
 - Average flow
- Evaluation methods
 - Visual evaluation and patterns of fit (or lack of fit)
 - Statistics (Price et al 2012)
 - Flood peaks: Nash-Sutcliffe efficiency (NSE)
 - Lower flows: Modified Nash-Sutcliffe efficiency (MNS)
 - Flow variability: ratio of the simulated to observed standard deviations (RSD)
 - Statistics (Moriasi et al 2007)
 - For streamflow: NSE >0.50, ratio of the root mean square error to the standard deviation of measured data (RSR) <=0.70 and percent bias (PBIAS) +/- 25%

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Calibration and Validation

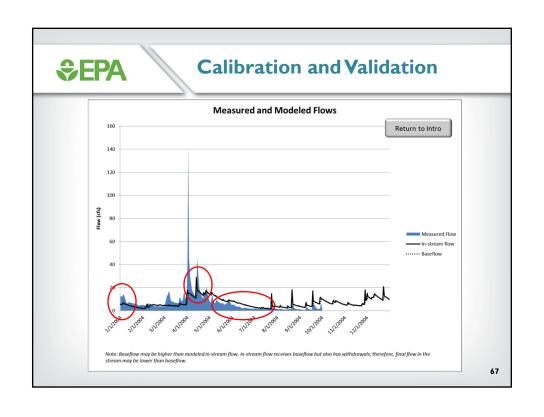
- Adjust inputs, focusing on most uncertain parameters and data
 - Change groundwater recession coefficient [groundwater tab]

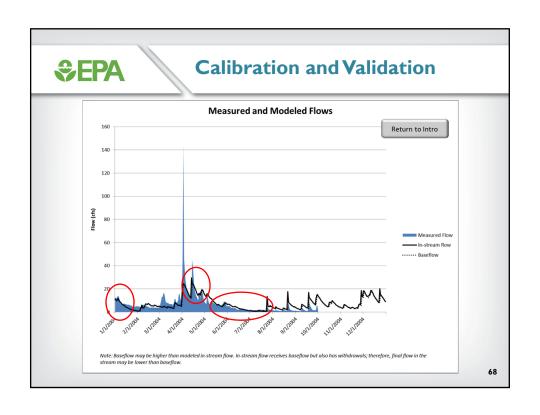
Groundwater	Return to Input		Initial KGw= 0.	07	
Groundwater recess	ion coefficient	Q	0.08	[1/	me step]
Initial groundwater	volume		90	[MG]
Minimum volume			0	[MG]
Maximum volume			9,050	[MG]

Apply multiplier to baseline runoff and/or recharge timeseries [runoff/recharge tabs]



Review your problem formulation







Calibration and Validation

- It's not working! I get "gazillion" dollars in annual costs and no other outputs... What's going on?
 - There is no feasible solution to your problem

Total Annual Cost	\$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.0	million
Flood Damages	\$0.0	million
Make-up Water Penalty	\$0.0	million
Water Revenue	\$0.0	million
Wastewater Revenue	\$0.0	million

- Turn on the "make-up" surface water option on the Infrastructure tab
- Start with:
 - Low groundwater recession coefficient (e.g., 0.01) and
 - Adjust initial groundwater volume and
 - High maximum volume

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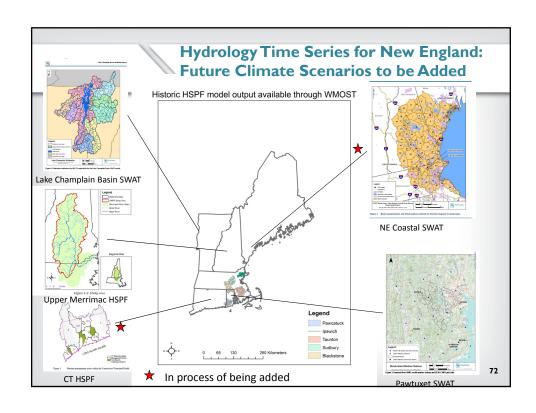


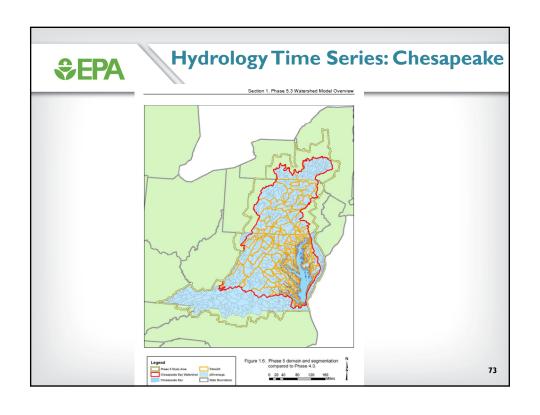
Future Directions

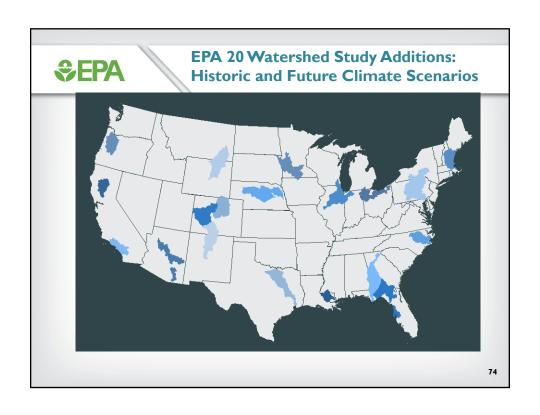


WMOST Future Directions: 2016

- Water quality module(s)
- Combined sewer overflow module
- Climate change modules
 - Facilitate data import
 - Facilitate comparisons of climate change scenarios
- Expanded data availability
 - Regional coverage
 - Climate change scenarios
- Adding more case studies, user support











Future Directions: 2017-2019

- More data
 - Automated import via internet (time series, HRUs by HUC12, ...)
 - Both historic and future climate scenarios
 - Compatibility with nationwide models
 - HAWQS SWAT model at HUC12 scale
 - USGS Monthly water balance model
- Robust decision-making modules
 - How do you plan for adaptive management in the face of uncertain climate futures?
- Green infrastructure co-benefits, e.g., health, energy savings
- Multi-objective decision making
 - How can you evaluate tradeoffs across multiple objectives?
- Scaling-up and linking watersheds
 - How can we scale up WMOST for larger watersheds and optimize across multiple watersheds?
- More case studies...



Technical Support Discussion

- How can we best support communities and watershed organizations interested in using WMOST?
- What kinds of training would be most useful?
 - Face-to-face hands-on trainings: good venues?
 - Webinars: Full day or series of shorter presentations
 - Downloadable tutorials
 - Follow-up interactive training sessions
 - Problem formulation: How would I set up WMOST for this kind of problem?
 - · Presentation/discussion of additional case studies
 - Trouble-shooting
 - Etc.
 - On-line "office hours" submit your question ahead of time

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Community of Practice

- Would it be useful to develop a community of practice for people using WMOST?
- What features would be useful?
 - Email distribution list?
 - Distribute updates
 - Discussion of common problems/solutions
 - Post case study summaries
 - Help identifying useful data sources
 - · Solicit case studies for EPA to assist with in testing new modules
 - Google group?
 - Quarterly training updates?
 - Other?



Feedback -

Please fill out the short survey.

Thank you!

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